

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter on the Commission's own motion)	
to implement the provisions of 2013 PA 95.)	Case No. U-17377
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At the May 31, 2017 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Sally A. Talberg, Chairman
Hon. Norman J. Saari, Commissioner
Hon. Rachael A. Eubanks, Commissioner

ORDER

2013 PA 95 (Act 95), MCL 460.9t, created the Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund (LIEAF) within the State Treasury. Act 95 provides that the Commission, after an opportunity to comment, may annually approve a low-income energy assistance funding factor no later than July 31 of each year for the subsequent fiscal year.

Section 9t(10)(B) of Act 95 provides that the funding factor is a nonbypassable surcharge to be added to each retail billing meter (but no more than one residential meter per residential site), payable monthly by every customer receiving retail distribution service from an electric utility, municipally owned electric utility, or cooperative electric utility, regardless of the identity of the customer's electric generation supplier. The funding factor shall be the same across all customer classes, shall appear as a separate line item on each customer's bill, and shall not exceed \$1.

Section 9t(7) provides that electric utilities, including the municipally owned and cooperative electric utilities, may elect not to collect the funding factor by annually filing a notice with the

Commission by July 1; however, utilities that do not collect the funding factor shall not shut off service to any residential customer from November 1 to April 15 for nonpayment of a delinquent account. For utilities that do not opt out, Section 9t(8) provides that they shall annually, by July 1, provide to the Commission the number of retail billing meters the utility serves in Michigan that are subject to the funding factor. The Commission will thereafter determine the funding factor by July 31, after providing an opportunity to comment on a proposed factor.

This order reminds all affected utilities of the need to file the required information by July 1, 2017, in this docket. The Commission directs all affected utilities to file information showing the number of retail billing meters the utility serves that are subject to the funding factor, or file a notice that the utility intends to opt out of collecting the funding factor, by 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2017.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that electric utilities, municipally owned electric utilities, and cooperative electric utilities shall, by 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2017, file information showing the number of retail billing meters the utility serves that are subject to the low-income energy assistance funding factor, or file a notice that the utility intends to opt out of collecting the low-income energy assistance funding factor, in this docket.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so in the appropriate court within 30 days after issuance and notice of this order, under MCL 462.26. To comply with the Michigan Rules of Court's requirement to notify the Commission of an appeal, appellants shall send required notices to both the Commission's Executive Secretary and to the Commission's Legal Counsel.

Electronic notifications should be sent to the Executive Secretary at mpscedockets@michigan.gov and to the Michigan Department of the Attorney General - Public Service Division at pungpl@michigan.gov. In lieu of electronic submissions, paper copies of such notifications may be sent to the Executive Secretary and the Attorney General - Public Service Division at 7109 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Sally A. Talberg, Chairman

Norman J. Saari, Commissioner

Rachael A. Eubanks, Commissioner

By its action of May 31, 2017.

Kavita Kale, Executive Secretary